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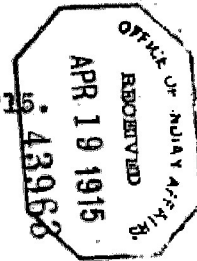
April 13, 1915.

Tejon Indians.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
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Sir:

Referring to the above letter of March 17, 1915, I know of nothing special to report as to the condition of the Tejon Indians, in addition to what has already been reported in the former correspondence. These Indians were the subject of Office letter: Land-Allotments 38388-14; 44459-14; 68210-14; 76281-14; HVC and of my letter of August 18, 1914, with which I enclosed a copy of a letter, addressed to the company owning the Tejon Ranch.

At the time I visited these Indians, a district school was being maintained for them, at the expense of the county. They were holding school in a little chapel room, that probably belonged to the Catholic Church. I have had no report as to this school for the present year, but will correspond at once with the county superintendent and ascertain whether the school is being maintained and whether in his opinion, it is advisable for us to contribute for its support. From my present information, I would favor the building of a small school house and paying a reasonable tuition for these children, in order that the Government may cooperate with the

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country in the education of these children. We would probably have to have the permission of the owners of the Tejon Ranch, to build such school house, but I cannot conceive that they would object to that, but they might be reluctant to give us a title to the land on which the building would be built and as I understand it, we could not get authority to expend money in the erection of a building, unless we had a title in fee to the land. If this was found to be the case, we might pay a more liberal tuition for a year or two, to enable the district to provide themselves with a building.

As has been shown by the correspondence referred to above, these Indians are living on private property, by consent of the owners of that property and they seem to be reasonably prosperous and to have something of a monopoly on certain business opportunities on this ranch.

We can hardly place a field station there, without the approval of the ranch and even if such station was placed there, she might prejudice the interests of these Indians, unless she was very diplomatic. At the present, I doubt the advisability of considering such a station. However, I do believe it would be very proper for us to cooperate with the county in maintaining a school for the children.

Very respectfully,

*W. C. C. C.*  
Special Indian Agent